

Retrospect

The year just passed has witnessed significant and important events, both national and international. Because of their world wide implications in more than half-political and economical—it is not too far from the truth to say a brief survey of the international happenings during the year of 1949.

In the sphere, he taken for granted that the tension between East and West was at its height in the opening month of the past year. The arbitrary closing of rail and road traffic into Berlin by the U.S.S.R., the allied air lift in operation, but it had yet to be proved whether or not it could successfully carry on throughout the worst of the winter months. Moreover, there was the possibility of an "incident"—the kind of incident that would have turned the cold war into a shooting war. Simultaneously, the Atlantic Division Fact was coming into public discussion—slowly, reluctantly perhaps; but with public opinion in the United States, the Western outlook, however—one, the report of the discovery of the Atom bomb by the U.S.S.R., another, but to a minor degree, the eventual outcome of Tito's defeat of Moscow.

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A Time For Realism

(Alberta Wheat Pool Budget)

Those who deplore government participation in the marketing of farm products, fail to appreciate the changed conditions brought about by two world wars. They are still living in the Victorian era when Great Britain was the richest and most powerful nation in the world and the horse and buggy the most common means of transporting people, horses and pigs. This is an entirely different and much more dangerous world we are now living in. Government participation in business is a well established thing. Under present conditions international trade could not function otherwise.

It has been stated that Canadian agriculture has recently suffered severely through the federal government's participation in the marketing of farm products. The facts of the situation do not bear that statement out. World War II ended twenty four years and eight months ago. During that period the output of most farm products have been fairly well maintained. This has been due to government participation in the marketing of farm products.

Three years after the end of World War I the prices of farm products were "in the doldrums." The following table shows what happened in that period:

Alberta Farm Prices

	1919	1922
Wheat	1.52	1.47
Oats	1.10	1.05
Barley	1.10	1.05
Hay	1.10	1.05
Cattle	75.00	85.00
With Cows	42.00	45.00
Store and lambs	15.00	20.00

The free market was allowed to operate without government intervention. The result was a sharp drop in prices as illustrated by the above table resulted in a serious depression. The cut in the buying price of the farm products required

in unpaid delay, taxes, and loss of farms. The sheriff was the usual result in such community. This condition, of course, was repeated in towns and cities. Business failures were commonplace and widespread unemployment resulted in severe social misery.

Government participation in marketing in the years following World War II resulted in stability in farm prices and in general prosperity. The unfortunate recent debate in the House of Commons that would have resulted in all farm commodities without government support.

The United States is considered the last great citadel of free enterprise in the world today. Yet the government of that nation is jealously committed to a policy of farm price maintenance. The price of corn, for instance is provided with a floor of \$1.40 a bushel farm price. Under a free market with enormous supplies on hand in that country, prices might well be 50 cents a bushel.

Europe historically is the great market for North America's surplus food products. When nations on that continent on the verge of bankruptcy and with Soviet Russia threatening to extend her influence to the Atlantic Ocean, Europe was fed and re-established economically. That cannot be done by the farmers of the United States and Canada. It must be done by government.

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BACK AGAIN

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Lethbridge Experimental Station

Weekly Letter

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SMALL CROSS-BRED TURKEYS A SUCCESS—Small turkeys for small families—that sales slogan has brought success to W. Otto Wiggin, veteran farmer of Inverwood. By extensive cross-breeding, Mr. Wiggin has developed gobblers that weigh six to 20 pounds at maturity. The average weight would be eight pounds—just right for a family feast when one or two children are involved. Donna Marchmont and W. Otto Wiggin feed turkeys in picture above. Small turkey is seen at left, normal one at right.—S.N.S. photo.



CANADIAN U.N. ASSOCIATION SPONSORED CONCERT—Two youngsters who appeared on program of "Chorus of the Nations," sponsored by the United Nations Association in Canada at Convocation Hall, University of Toronto, were Pavel Blagovest, six, and Jarmila Janis, eight, in costume.—S.N.S. photo.



ANOTHER ARTIFICIAL ICE RINK—Adding another link to the chain of ice arenas the Nations Centre, artificial ice rink was officially opened. Last year the arena had natural ice. Jack Cox, clown, entertainer Barbara Crockett at opening festivities which attracted a capacity house.



SENDS COCKER TO CONSOLE CHILD—Ace, a jet-black cocker spaniel, started a 1,000-mile trip by air. Being going to Vancouver to try to console four-year-old Dianne Drummond, Butler St., Vancouver, whose dog was killed by burglars. Ace was a member of a North York, Ont., Beagle, owned by Mrs. M. H. Page. Mrs. Page was touched when she read story of Dianne's loss. Herbert Spence, four, is shown saying good-by to Ace.—S.N.S. photo.



COUPLE GET TRIPLET GIRLS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENT—Happy mother and triplets are Mrs. Lloyd Harvey, of Gormley, Ont., and from left in order of birth, Brenda, Barbara and Bonnie. The combined weight of the three little girls was 14 pounds, four ounces when they arrived at York County Memorial hospital. The girls are "the very best Christmas present ever" their parents declare. Babies are healthy. Family physician is Dr. Crawford Rose, retiring mayor of Aurora, Ont., says triplets are "something to cheer about."—S.N.S. photo.



THREE KILLED AS CAR, TRAM COLLIDE HEAD-ON IN SNOWSTORM—Three were killed and one critically injured in this car when it ran head-on into a street car on Lake Shore Rd. at Queen's Ave. in Mississauga, Ont. Mrs. Margaret Macklin, 58, Toronto, a bride of six months, was jammed in the wreck. She was the driver of the car, which turned out to pass other cars. Heavy snow was falling at the time of the accident.—S.N.S. photo.



MAKES PREDICTIONS—Stanley M. Wood, president of Toronto's Monetary Council, said "no basis for pessimism" about Canada's future in his recent predictions of things to come in a meeting of shareholders. "The Canadian situation in this respect has been much the same as in previous years. We sell more to the U.S. than we buy from her. We are still faced with the problem of bringing into proper balance our trade with the sterling area and the so-called hard currency countries," he said.

The Adventure of Captain Morgan

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NEW EPISODE
HIS AVING LANDED AT
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ON HERRINGMAN MOUNTAIN
LEADS 400 BUCANERS
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INVENT ON A FANTASY
EXPERIMENT.



TWINS—Dorothy and Delores Primm, 11-year-old twin daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Clare Yake of Neesh, Sask., with their twin calves, two weeks old.



TWO OF THE FREEZE GOATS with Miss Ann Rule in the Express car that took the 31 imported goats from Quebec to the new home of their owner, Mrs. Stanley in British Columbia.



NEW EXPERIENCE—Christmas in Canada was a new experience for Daphia Vignola, who opened parcels received at party held in Guelph, Ont., for 100 new Canadians. Each received Christmas gift.—S.N.S. photo.

